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1. "The Jewish Agency's Internal Report on Arab Information (Palestine) No. 8/48 dated 22 February 1948, reports as follows:

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"Presumably the main reason for the modification of Egypt's attitude is the fear of losing her hegemony in the Arab League. Rumors have been spread recently--though apparently without foundation--to the effect that the League's headquarters is to be removed from Cairo, and it will be stationed in Palestine. Following an agreement reached between the MUFTI and Na'ashri, according to "Masawwar", the sale of arms to Palestinian Arabs has now been permitted once more. The official reason for the former ban was the fear that arms might fall into Zionist hands. Training has also been permitted in specified areas. The Egyptian Transport Minister has suggested the issue of stamps, proceeds from the sale of which are to go to the Palestine Arabs. (This measure was one of the secret" Bludan resolutions adopted in June 1946. With the exception of Trans-Jordan, however, it has not been implemented in any of the other Arab countries, and it is not known whether the proceeds are actually being devoted to the Palestine Arabs). Egypt has now placed further sums, on account of her regular payments, at the disposal of the Military Committee, and has deposited them in Beirut banks. Egypt, it will be recalled, provides 42 per cent of the Arab League's funds for Palestine. Arabic papers have interpreted the Egyptian Defense Minister's visit to the forces encamped on the Palestine border as indicating the new Egyptian attitude."

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"The Egyptian "Zaman", however, was not mentioned in his last utterance. The Egyptian "Zaman", however, expressed its doubts concerning Abdallah's attitude, and asked what function the Arab Legion was likely to fulfill in Palestine. There seems to be no improvement in Abdallah's relations with the MUFTI. When Hashim Saba' editor of "Sarif", asked Abdallah to cooperate with the MUFTI, the king merely replied that he would "welcome" a visit by the MUFTI to Jordan"

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